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Comment: As has been previously reported, many Ukrainians, Byelorussians, Lithuanians, and others have complained bitterly over the delay in receiving Soviet passports in exchange for their old passports.)

1. The Soviet Consulate in Buenos Aires is now expediting the issuance of passports to those individuals who some time ago turned in their old passports. Some 10,000 Lithuanians in Argentina have been given Soviet passports in recent months, and the Consulate has established a period of three hours during the day for handling citizenship problems.
2. Source confirms a press report stating that the Soviet Embassy has requested permission from the Argentine government to establish consulates in the territories of Chaco and Misiones. The Soviets allege these consulates are needed for the purpose of issuing Soviet passports to natives of the various Slav and Baltic countries living in those territories.

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(           Comment: It is noted that Soviet Embassy officials have frequently traveled to those areas where large Slav colonies exist, for the purpose of issuing Soviet passports to Slavs.)

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